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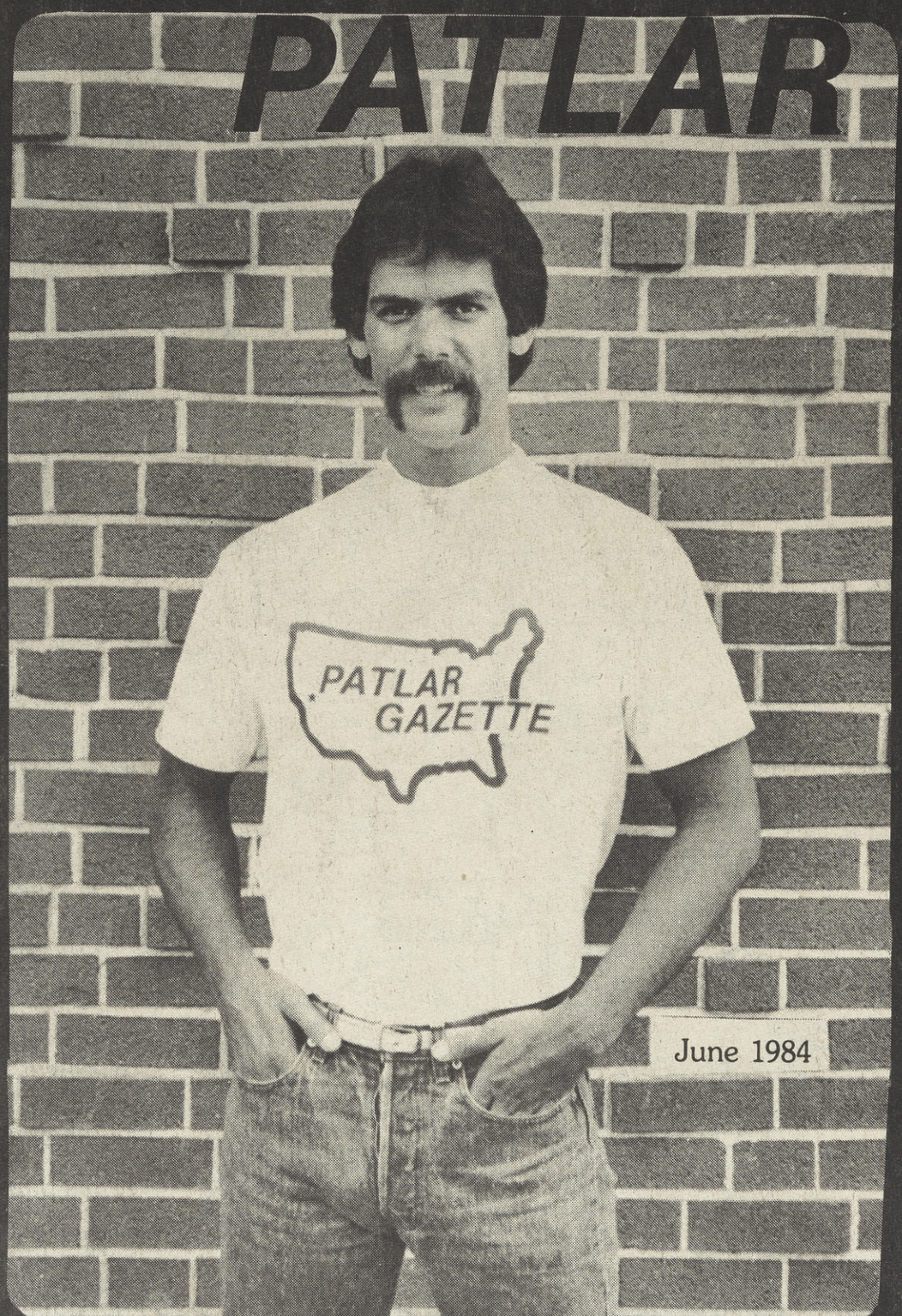

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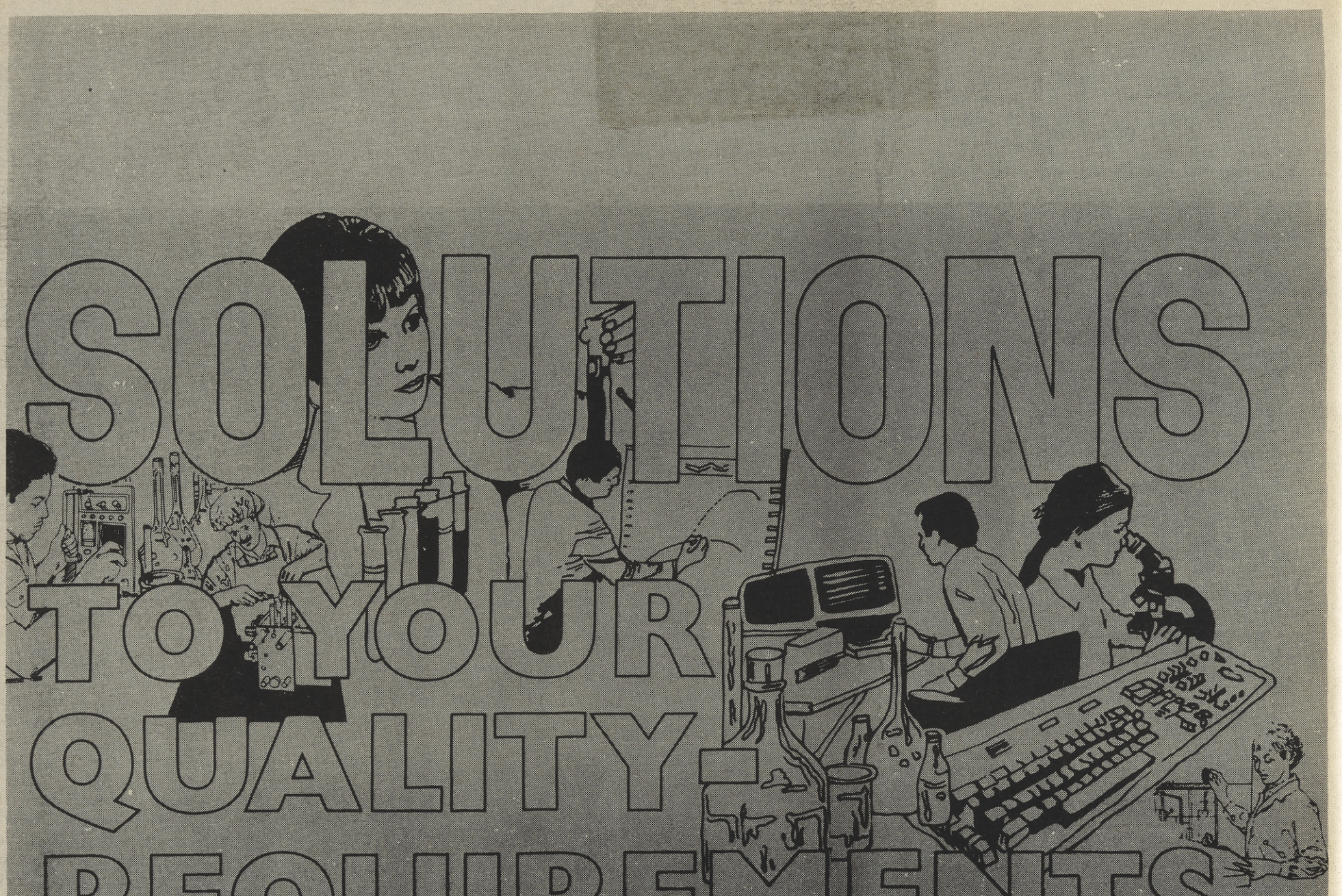

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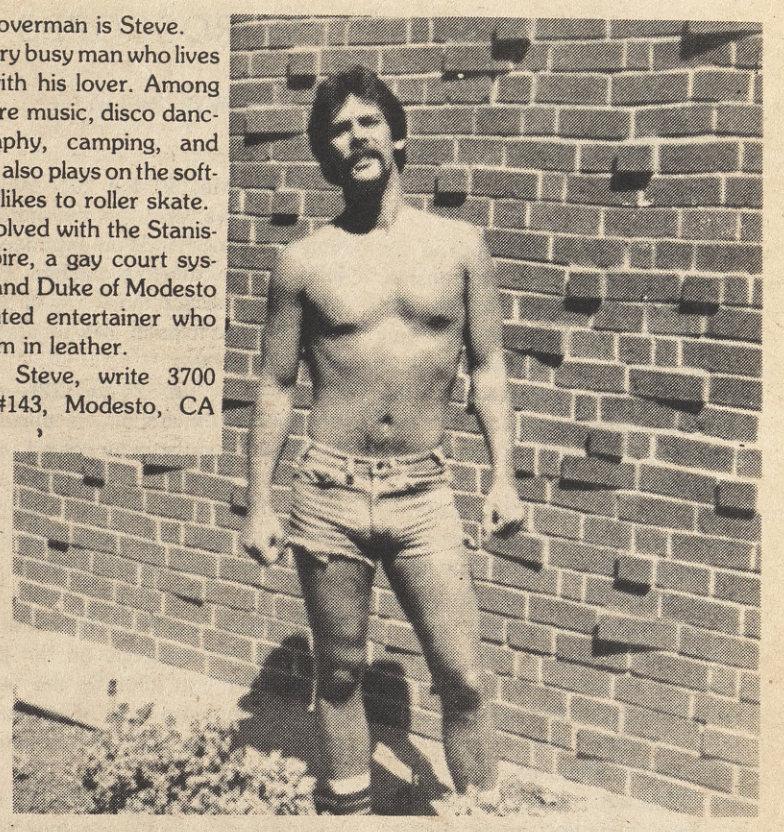

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES' VIEWS ON GAY ISSUES

A coalition of five national gay and lesbian organizations recently examined the presidential candidates' views on gay/lesbian issues.

A questionnaire which was sponsored by the National Gay Task Force, the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs, the National Coalition of Black Gays, the Gay Rights National Lobby, and the Human Rights Campaign Fund was sent to the candidates. President Reagan did not respond to the questionnaire.

Among the Democrats, the three remaining candidates differ on some answers, and agree on some. Hart, Mondale, and Jackson said that, if elected, they will issue an executive order banning any discriminatioon in federal employment based on sexual orientation alone. All three also support the passage of a lesbian/gay rights bill. The three also pledged that gays and lesbians will have access to their administration. Jackson is supportive of having an official liason to the lesbian/gay community.

On the issue of allowing lesbians and gays in the military, both Hart and Jackson are opposed to forbidding homosexuals in the military and security agencies. Mondale has yet to reach a decision on this issue. Both Mondale and Jackson have not reached a decision on whether or not entitlement and other federally funded programs should be extended to nontraditionl relationships and households. Hart replied that "I support all efforts to make our governmental system more just, and oppose efforts that aim at exclusion of any of our citizens."

On the issue of immigration, all three candidates support legislation to eliminate the current law against immigration by homosexuals. Mondale would not pressure the Justice Department to challenge the current law in court, but Jackson and Hart have indicated that they would.

There is also a difference in the candidates' views on health issues. Jackson and Hart support funding of a Public Health Emergency Fund. The fund, which Mondale does not specifically support, would deal with health emergencies such as AIDS. Jackson has condemned the Reagan administration's attempts to pit one minority against another in competing for health care funds—as in attempting to transfer sickle cell research funds to AIDS research.

Jackson is the only candidate who has called for federal funding for resaerch into physiological and psychological effects of discrimination. Hart is currently reviewing this proposal, and Mondale said that he "will not oppose the legitimate research into the effects of any kind of discrimination."

$500,000 PLEDGED FOR GAY RIGHTS

Members of the Association of Independent Gay Health Clubs (IGHC) pledged more than half a million dollars to provide the bathhouses in San Francisco with funds with which to fight for the freedom of sexual expression. The action resulted from the announced intention of the San Francisco Public Health Director to initiate new legislation in San Francisco banning all sex in bathhouses and other gay meeting places.

IGHU takes the position that there is no proof bathhouses promote the spread of AIDS. They are supported by several groups such as the SF Aids Foundation, the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights, and the Gay Men's Health Crisis of NYC who say that closing the baths would have little effect on the spread of AIDS and that closing the baths might reduce substantially the number of educational outlets available to the gays who engage in such sexual activity. Some groups have also indicated that closing the baths might have the reverse effect sought for by those advocating closure. That is, closing the baths might help spread AIDS even further, as gays might go to unsafe, unclean places to have sex.

The IGHC has pledged to educate its members on how to have "safe sex." IGHC has said it will cooperate with any reasonable effort to stop the spread of AIDS, but maintains that it is unreasonable to believe gay men will stop having sex.

ANALYSTS MYSTIFIED BY FEMALE SEXUALITY

Speakers at the recent 73rd annual meeting of the American Psychoanalytic Association in San Diego admitted a lack of understanding of female sexuality.

Experts have developed 3-4 theories to explain female homosexuality, but there are no clear-cut answers. Participants at the conference were hopeful that bringing the subject up for formal discussion will result in new research.

Sigmund Freud insisted that homosexuality should not be condemmed or be made the basis of discrimination. But psychoanalysts have not traditionally been so open-minded, and it was not until 1973 that the American Psychiatric Association offically declared that homosexuality could not be considered a mental illiness.

Although Freud was open-minded on his views concerning homosexuality, he was off target in his ideas about women.

The Viennese analyst thought lesbians were immature in their sexual development, improperly identifying with their fathers instead of their mothers, and remaining attached to the clitoral orgasm rather than progressing to the vaginal orgasm, which was considered more mature.

Freud also thought that the urge for motherhood would be distorted in lesbians and that they would be hostile toward men.

However, later researchers have found that the gender to which a child identifies is established early in life—by 18 months of age—and that it has much to do with parental attitudes.

Now, some researchers believe that sexual preference in women may have more to do with intimacy than orgasm. For example, lesbian mothers frequently cite a lack of intimacy as the reason for their failed marriages. This suggests that lesbians may have a greater need for intimacy and for a deeply bonded relationship than heterosexual women. It is not clear to researchers whether this search for intimacy is necessarily an immature aim.

It has also been found that lesbians want to become mothers and raise children just as much as heterosexual women. Consequently, the maternal drive may develop separately in women from their choice of a sexual partner.

Speakers at the conference stressed that there does not appear to be one single cause for homosexuality in either women or men. In fact, they concluded that mental health experts should not talk about homosexuality, but rather "the homosexualities."

NGTF STUDIES VIOLENCE AGAINST GAYS

A survey on violence against lesbians and gays was recently completed by the National Gay Task Force (NGTF). Violent incidents towards lesbians and gays in eight U.S. cities were examined. The survey found that almost one in ten gays had been assaulted or wounded with a weapon; two in ten had been punched, hit, kicked or beaten; four in ten had been threatened with violence; and more than eight in ten knew other gays and lesbians who had been victimized. Further findings show that more than nine in ten of those surveyed had been verbally harrassed, and one in five had experienced some form of abuse from police.

Some 1,682 incidents of anti-lesbian/gay violence were reported to NGTF's Violence Project from 12 U.S. cities during the first eight months of last year. This figure is 260 *more* cases than the 1,422 anti-semitic incidents that the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith reported for the entire country during *all* of 1983.

The NGTF Violence Project is assisting states and local communities across the country in fighting violence against lesbians and gays, and in training police personnel. The Project is especially useful in proving that discrimination does exist in the fight for lesbian and gay rights.

METHODISTS CONDEMN GAYS

The governing body of the United Methodist Church which met recently in Baltimore overwhelmingly reaffirmed its condemnation of gay persons. A majority of the delegates attending the church's governing conference voted to maintain its long-standing position.

Currently, the church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers it to be incompatable with Christian teaching. Advocates of the current position said it would be disastrous for the church to change its stand that it, the church, as the right to make judgements about sexual behavior.

It was the fourth time the church's legislative body has acted on the issue. The United Methodist Church has 9.4 million members.

COCKROACHES TURN GAY!

Cockroaches, it seems, can be subjected to a form of birth control which turns them gay. Dr. Philip Cower of the University of Florida has begun marketing a spray which does not kill the roaches, but causes the males to run around trying to mate with each other—in essence, making them gay. This story was reported in *US* magazine, which ended the article with the eternal question: How do you keep them from redecorating your livingroom?

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William Tell Reviews

Cousins,
a William Higgins Film.

The storyline of this porno flic explores the reunion of two cousins, Matt and Bill, young hunks. Bill introduces Matt to various and sundry homosexual practices and pleasures. And Matt takes to the new sports like a duck to water and is soon making it with a host of other hot, young men.

Much of *Cousins* is filmed out-of-doors and features a number of sequences, three of which star Matt. And can you blieve this...the actors actually know their lines.

An episode presents one of Matt's playmate cousins who lives in Berkeley. This hot little number is being kept by "daddy" who drives a Mercedes and is generous with the dollars. While away, daddy's boy gets it on with two hot housecleaners whose noisiness interrupts his nap. It takes $300 of daddy's money to pursuade the boys to enter into a three-way. These three hot bodies provide one of the better sequences in this flick.

This all-male, sound film is available for rent on cassette at Films for Days in Sacramento.

HOROSCOPES

by Dr. Pat Larr

GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20)—When Venus enters your sign mid-month, you get some hands-on experience with your favorite love machine. But then, you always did know all the right buttons to push. Beware of Pisces this month.

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22)—An unexpected invitation, a curious come-on, if you aren't involved, you will be by month's end. (If you are involved, you'll be entangled.) Reach out and touch someone this month, but don't use the phone to do it.

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22)—Hot pants in high places—someone on the job pants after you, plotting the best way to separate you from your pants. Business and pleasure never mixed better.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22)—Don't know if you're coming or going? You will this month as renegade Venus returns to your House of Romance... You'll be dancing in the sheets. Keep it up!

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22)—Far away places with strange sounding names. Yes, it's vacation time again and you've got Wanderlust. Be sure to bring a big basket if you're going to eat a picnic lunch.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 22)—Someone new warms up to you. Could this be the start of a hot summer romance or a lifelong thing? It's up to you, just don't get burned.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)—The archer goes shooting off in all directions this month. The size of your bow makes a special someone all aquiver. Your arrow's right on target.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)—Yes, it's time to cruise the sand and surf looking for your dream lover. You've got Venus on your side right now. So slip into your bathing suit and you may get to slip into someone else's.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 18)—The month gets off to a sensuous start. The sun in your House of Amour means whoever applies your suntan lotion will rub you the right way.

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20)—Like the treasure you are, someone you really like re-discovers you. All that glitters is gold where you're concerned, so show your true colors.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19)—An Astral zap gives you renewed energy and finally focuses your attention on that special someone. Aren't you two going in different directions? You decide.

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20)—Mars drops a monkey wrench into your vacation plans. Careful planning will avoid having the whole tool box dumped on you. Since most accidents happen within 25 miles of home, plan a vacation out of the country.

FAUX PAS

by Ed E. Kett

Dear Mr. Kett,

Some straight friends of mine recently invited me to dinner. I was poised to accept until they mentioned that the girlfriend of one of their guests was dying to meet me because she'd never met a gay person before. I can think of nothing worse than spending an eventing being examined like some aomeba under a microscope. ("I didn't know gay people ate with a fork!") Suddenly my every movement would have significance for this person just because it was done by a gay person.

Unfortunately, the only excuse I could think of off the top of my head was that I wanted to stay home to watch an important show on T.V. My friends accepted this excuse at the time, and I didn't have to attend the dinner. But yesterday they cornered me and wanted to know "the real reason" I couldn't attend the dinner. Since they know I own a VCR, the T.V. excuse didn't hold up with them. They're upset and want an explanation.

Should I tell them the truth or should I just think of a better excuse? I really love my straight friends and wouldn't want to lose them.

Ever,

Clayton

Dear Clayton,

If they're really your friends, you should be able to level with them and explain why you would have been uncomfortable.

As for people who've never met a gay person before, I'm reminded of the East Coast mother who flew to San Francisco to visit her newly gay son and his lover. She was shocked to see an oven in their apartment because, she said, "I didn't think you people owned such things!" So when dealing with these people, try to think of it as being on a stage. If anyone expresses surprise that you eat with a knife and fork, just say, "Have you ever see a queen who didn't?"

Yours,

Edwards Endicott Kett

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BOOK REVIEW

IRIS, Janine Veto, Alyson Publications, Inc., Boston, 1983.

reviewed by Alex M. Vernon

We hear a lot today about violence against women. Unfortunately, this new novel uses this same violence to appeal to a feminist audience by aiming it at men. Does this sound like a contradiction in terms? It certainly could be seen as such, but we will postpone judgement while we look at the book.

Briefly, *Iris* is the story of a lesbian love affair and of the title character's journey into self-knowledge, punctuated by a series of male attacks on women. Though she seems a very ordinary American young woman, being orphaned has left Iris detached and emotionally isolated from people. Her exceptional blonde beauty attracts many men, but she often seems to have a way of staring through them and feels nothing in an affair with a methodical, stolid middle-aged German boat captian. Her being raped—her initial firsthand experience of male aggression—brings her into the office of a female psychologist, Dee Hartman; they are attracted, fall in love, and begin an idyllic romance.

Just as Iris begins to find herself and at last becomes emotionally alive, another rape and a killing force her to flee Honolulu and Dee for the sanctuary of a small Greek island. There, unfortunately, her path crosses that of her suave, insincere and greedy brother-in-law, Dion; he had made sexual overtures to her when she was a child and she has never forgiven him for marrying and stealing away her older sister, Phyllis, who raised her. He is attracted violently to her now and schemes to dump his wife in favor of her younger, more beautiful sister. His lust and consuming desire to have her at any cost does literally lead him to brutally violate her; then Dee enlists Phyllis in a campaign to save Iris, or, if possible, to avenge her.

This novel is not without its provocative points. There is the emerging of an old, pagan philosophy of the rhythms of the earth being like a universal mother. Iris states, "I believe in very primal things—good, evil, fate. Powers other than the rational give me direction." And later she adopts a global viewpoint: "We live in a fragile universe with a fine web of women holding it all safe," Also, we meet an aged, superstitious Greek grandmother whose story gives us an interesting perspective of women's roles in "primitive" Greek society—women only exist to serve a male, albeit a husband, son, or even a grandson. But the book's presentatio is flawed. Veto's style is utilitarian, even pedestrian, but at least one is able to say it is succinct.

A very ugly element emerges in the latter half of the book. Veto carries revenge and enmity to an unnatural and, finally, unbelievable degree, but it would be wrong to dismiss *Iris* as wish-fulfillment for man-hating lesbians. The undercurrent in our society of and indifference to male violence towards women needs to be recognized and extirpated. But this is a world where women are raped, raped again, raped again, again and then thrown over a cliff—becoming absurd in the repetition. Also it is one in which all men harbor a killer's instinct; in which a ten-year-old boy's heretofore loving mother slits his throat and slings him into the pool just to spite her husband after the child sides with his father in a confrontation. Is the novel's final message that male children are (just like their fathers) potential murderers? Better off not to suffer them to live?

Perhaps one could accept a vision of a world in which men brutalize, violate, selfishly and arrogantly use women then discard them. But credibility dissolves toward the end; primitive emotions have driven every character into an extreme that in real life would be classified as insanity. Veto makes her case in an overly strong statement (to understate). And ironically, the result is that the author proves it is not just men who are imbued with hatred toward the opposite sex and fixated on destruction. Read *Iris* for the description of exotic life on small, backward Greek islands, for the mysticism in which lesbian lovers become priestesses, or for the truly convincing portrayal of love arising between two women.

Further details of the plot occurring in Honolulu include Iris' being raped by a classmate in a night school poetry course. Harold Upton is an alcoholic expatriate British drifter given to boosting his fragile ego by showing off his hightoned, upperclass accent by reciting poetry. He is a patient of Dee's but deceives her in order to play dangerous games with her. He violates Iris to deliberately cause her pain to satisfy his own sick drives. Another male character follows this villain as contrast: Kiyo Slowkowski takes the badly beaten Iris into his quiet, orderly traditional Japanese household. As she recovers she is introduced to oriental thinking and the Eastern way of living and viewing life. Kiyo never verbalizes his feelings for her, but Iris senses that his kindness is not enough for her and returns to Dee. These two men, along with the captain, represent ways men relate to women and Veto shows what their intentions are and how they affect Iris. All three are preparatory contrast for the evil of the aggressive, dominating Dion and his contempt for women.

LISTENING TO LAVENDRE

Dear Lavendre Cantello,

I love gorgeous pubic hairs on a man. And wouldn't you know; after years of searching for Mr. Right, when I finally found him he turns out to be from some weird middle eastern country where men have the strange habit of shaving their pubic hairs several times a year.

How would you suggest that I go about convincing my Ali that since he will soon be a naturalized American that it's time to act like a self-respecting gay American and to stop mutilating himself. When allowed to grow, his brush is really nice and bushy and jet jet jet black!

Homer
(White Plains)

Homer

Mine eyes have seen many a glory of which you speak! The visual feast of a jet black brush sends me into sensual frenzies beyond belief. So, I can relate to your specific problem.

Having spent several years in the Mideast, I also ran across a few "plucked" chickens and wept at the so-called mutilation. Not being one for pre-pubescent individuals, I was absolutely flabbergasted! However, upon pursuing the reasoning behind it, I found it is not a habit, but, a practice by one or two (or more) of the Moslem sects. That's why I was always hesitant to have sex with a Moslem. After all, there's something strange about a lonely penis—outstanding in an arid plain!

Since his shaving might be a religious preference, you're going to have to address it creatively. For instance, next time it grows out—braid it and tell him that can be a path to cleanliness.

Or you can merely tell him how annoying the little prickles are as they grow out and that when the hair is cut off, so is he.

I also hear that some people are wearing the latest in pubic wigs; while not totally satisfying, it still decorates the area.

So, you see, Homer, you have several ways to get to the solution without beefing about the bush.

L.C.

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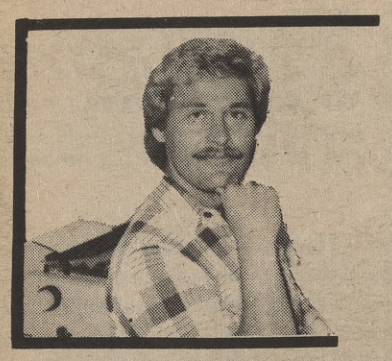

ALTERNATIVE HISTORY: A DIFFERENT DIRECTION!

Frederick The Great (1712-1786)

by Steven Ryan

Note: Material for this article was gleaned from: Homosexuals in History, by A. L. Rowse.

Sodomy in the 18th Century meant certain death if discovered, but liberties were permitted if you happen to be a gay *and* the King of Prussia!

Frederick the great was born into the royal Hohenzollern family, which included the ruling monarchs of the State of Prussia (consisting of what is now Germany, and parts of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, and Holland). Frederick's father, Frederick William, was a brutal Prussian tyrant, whose subjects were afraid of him. He would often discipline his son with a stick in front of the troops.

Frederick loathed his father, and grew up developing interests in everything his father disliked. Contrasts between father and son were obvious. Father was fastidiously clean; son became a slob. Father drank beer and smoked; Frederick never touched the stuff. Father was religious; son had no religious beliefs. Father exluded poetry and music in his son's education, but Frederick held secret flute-playing sessions, and became an accomplished flautist. Father despised French culture and civilization, but Frederick adored it. Fred became very close to the famous French philosopher and writer, Voltaire, and even aspired to becoming a French writer. Later, as King, he imported French architecture to soften the bleakness of Berlin.

Father and son quarreled a lot as Fred grew up, but the young prince found "friends" to lend him support. Fred became especially close to several young lieutenants, Hans and Katte with whom he shared many common interests. Hans was a goodlooking hunk, but Katte was older, more mature, and proved to be a better lover. Father William became increasingly suspicious about these relationships...he decided his son needed some "butch-training." So he hired a young military tutor to train Prince Fred. Unfortunately for dad, the tutor, Count Von Keyserling (Keith), ended up falling for the prince, and he came one of Fred's most intimate liaisons. Father William was beside himself; he decided the only recourse left for his son was marriage.

Fred didn't *want* to get married. With family pressures becoming unbearable, he decided to run away to England with Katte and Keith. This was a pretty wild idea for an heir apparent...it was tantamount to treason! And naturally, they got caught. Father William put both Fred and Katte in the slammer (Keith ran off to France and was never heard from again). In his lovely way, Father decided to teach the Crown Prince a lesson, and he ordered Katte to be executed in full view of the Prince's cell window. Amidst a great deal of ceremony, alas, the unfortunate gay lover was decapitated.

Frederick sobered up quite a bit after this ordeal. He even agreed to submit to marriage. He confided to friends, however, that after the marriage, he and his wife would go their separate ways. Several years after the marriage, Father William died; the Prince became a King!

Frederick was never one big on titles, but he took his new responsibilities seriously. Though he was a small man, he earned the title "Great" for his many accomplishments during his 46-year reign. He was an "enlightened" monarch, and he instituted progressive reforms like full employment and housing for the poor; abolishment of press censorship and police torture; and the toleration of all beliefs and intellectual pursuits. He was also a military commander, and made Prussia a great European power. In one sense, he became very much like the father he detested: the interests of the *state* became paramount.

King Fred's "court" was the gossip and scandal of Europe. With male lovers coming and going at his royal command, the King was often referred to as a "likeable whore" by friends. Fred's court was exclusively male; he rarely visited his wife, the Queen, except on formal occasions. Personal interests—aside from sex—centered around literature and music. His "harem" often included the most enlightened artists from France.

Not all was fun and games. Frederick's aggressive military policies embroiled Prussia in many devastating wars, particularly with the Austria-Hungarian Empire. Empress Maria Theresa of Austria was determined not to lose any of her provinces to the invading German hordes; one war between her nation and Prussia lasted seven years. Nevertheless, by the end of Fred's reign, he had nearly doubled the size of Prussia. Many of King Fred's friends and officers died in battle over the years, but it was a fate he was ready to accept for himself. When the King finlly did "kick off," it was in a military camp, and he spent his final moments writing of the five men he loved the most in his life. Of course, Katte was at the top of the list.

Poems Quite Perverted

by Alex M. Vernon

Ed couldn't ejaculate right,
For sideways it flew (not polite!).
So they gave him a boner
From some gen'rous donor;
Now frontwards he fires—no more plight.

Mike could shoot on the mark,
Find targets ev'n in the dark,
Destroying the foe,
With one massive blow,
His gun riv'ling those of the *Bismarck*.

This guy's juice was just a bit light,
'Cause nothing was there to the sight;
They widened his boiler,
His pumps they made oilier,
And now Mike just cums left and right.

For willing, hot mouths Jack would hustle
Relief for his aching hard muscle,
But a look at his dick
Would draw, "Yeech, makes mew sick!"
For his prick had become a huge pus'le.

MY GAY LOVES

by Gerry Wortman

My gay love has wings,
Quiet downy owlish things,
Whispering across the night,
Mourning in the moonlight,
So lonesomely.

My gay love has wings,
Ruddy robinish things,
A flurry for breakfast,
Two quick darting looks,
And then to disappear.

My gay love has wings,
Hidden tiny chickadeelish things,
Pecking for single hidden seeds,
Camouflaged so carefully,
So timid.

My gay love has wings,
Bold hawkish things,
Wheeling high in the sunlight,
Dive bombing so proudly,
More than a little fiercely.

My gay love has wings,
Bold parrotish things,
Always reaching and screeching,
The lord of colors and surprise,
Such a flashing joy.

My gay love has wings,
Slender pretrelish things.
Soaring above the clouds,
Floating with the storm,
Ever circling the endless seas.

Yes, my gay loves have wings,
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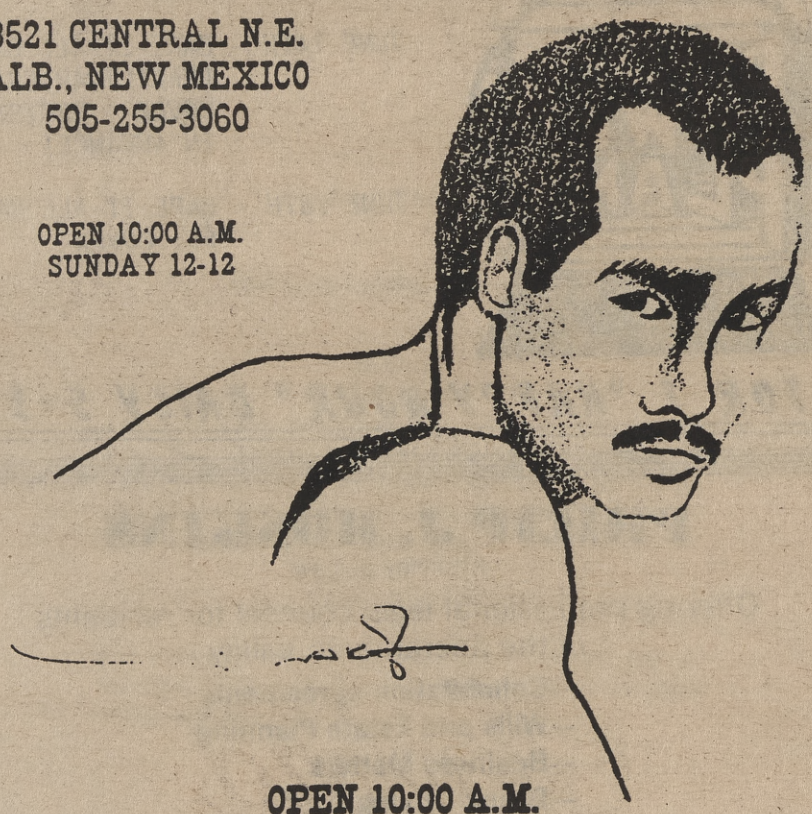

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GETTIN THERE

by TOM DOLAN

Tony is going straight. His last words were, "I don't want to be sneaking around baths and bushes twenty years from now." Who does? It's hard to argue with that.

I'd hate to think I did this to him, turned him into a heterosexual. You see, Tony and I have had a relationship for over four years. We haven't been lovers for two of those four, but we still care a great deal about each other. For instance, we have a tacit understanding that if either of us gets "sick" (our euphemism for AIDS), the other will be there for him.

A couple of weeks ago when my oldest daughter, her husband and my three-year-old grandson visited, it meant a lot to share that experience with Tony. Not long after that evening with me and the kids, however, Tony announced he wanted to get married and have children of his own.

"I want to get married," he siad.

"So do I," I admitted, assuming in all probability we would not marry each other. Lightning rarely strikes twice in the same place.

"I want a house, a picket fence, a big red dog, and kids."

"Oh," I said, "*that* kind of married." I knew Tony was serious. As serious as he had been about hang gliding, vegetarianism, Rajneesh, and macrobiotic cooking. And I felt he was on the verge of making a Big Mistake.

"I'm going back to Cincinnati," he said.

"Why don't you get a house and dog here?" I asked.

"It's too expensive. Real estate is cheaper back East."

His real reason for going, or one of them, I suspected, was his desire to pass as straight, to leave his gay identity behind.

"You'll be back when the first snowflake lands in your eyelashes," I told him.

"Maybe so," he said, "but I've got to try it."

"You already tried it. Anyway, 99.99% of your sexual contacts have been with men. Is it fair to hook up with a woman at this point?"

"I've walked on fire. I can do anything." Tony had, indeed, walked on live coals at a recent seminar in Neuro-Linguistic Programming. His toes had gotten a little warm, but no blisters had formed.

"Anyway," he said, "I'd tell her before we tied the knot."

I wish I'd told Carol. But at age 22, I was afraid she wouldn't marry me if I did. That was 1955. I wasn't about to risk losing that white clapboard house with the picket fence. *And* a lilac bush.

Of course, I got what I wanted. I usually do. With the exception of the white picket fence, which would have been a pain in the ass to paint anyway. Unfortunately, our white clapboard house, built in the early 1800's, burned to the ground, taking the lilac bush with it. In the summer of '69, the marriage, too, went up in smoke.

"Borrow somebody's kid for a week," I told him. "That'll cure you. Your notions of parenting are based on 'Leave it to Beaver' and 'Father Knows Best'."

"I only want to do what you did," he said.

"I didn't know what I was doing, and neither do you! Anyway, that was 1955. This is 1984. You *should* know better!"

"Well, it's my problem," he said.

"I'm glad you realize that," I said, my anger rising.

"Gay men are too particular. They go from man to man to man, unwilling to commit, hoping Mr. Wonderful will pop up at the next tea dance, the next full moon party. He never does," he said.

"Okay," I grumbled, "go with my blessing. At thirty-five your chances of having kids are still good. Thirty-five isn't as old as it used to be."

"Neither is fifty-one," he said with a chuckle. "Seriously, he continued, "I know it's going to be hard. Not too many women want to marry an ex-fag."

"There's no such thing, and you know it! You're turning into one of those people Masters and Johnson are trying to save," I said.

"I've tried everything else," he said.

"Like hell you have!" I said. "There *has* to be a man out there for you."

"That's what I used to think," he replied.

"Is it my fault?" I asked him.

"Don't be silly," he said.

"You haven't answered my question," I persisted.

"I'd *like* to blame you, but there's really nobody to blame."

"What makes you think you'll be able to stop having sex with guys?"

"I've *practically* stopped now," he said.

"When was the last time?"

"Last night," he replied, grinning.

"If you supress your true sexuality, you'll end up resenting your wife and kids. Look at your track record, for chrissake!"

"Look at yours!" he countered.

"Touche!" I said. "But how satisfying is sex going to be for a woman who knows you'd rather be doing it with a man?"

"Lighten up," he said. "It's *my* life."

"You're right," I said. "It has nothing to do with me. Anyway, you'll be back."

"Unless I find what I want before I stop wanting it," he quipped.

"Don't expect me to see you off. It would be too hard," I said.

"It wouldn't be easy for me either."

"I'm going to miss you," I said.

"I'm going to miss you, too," he said.

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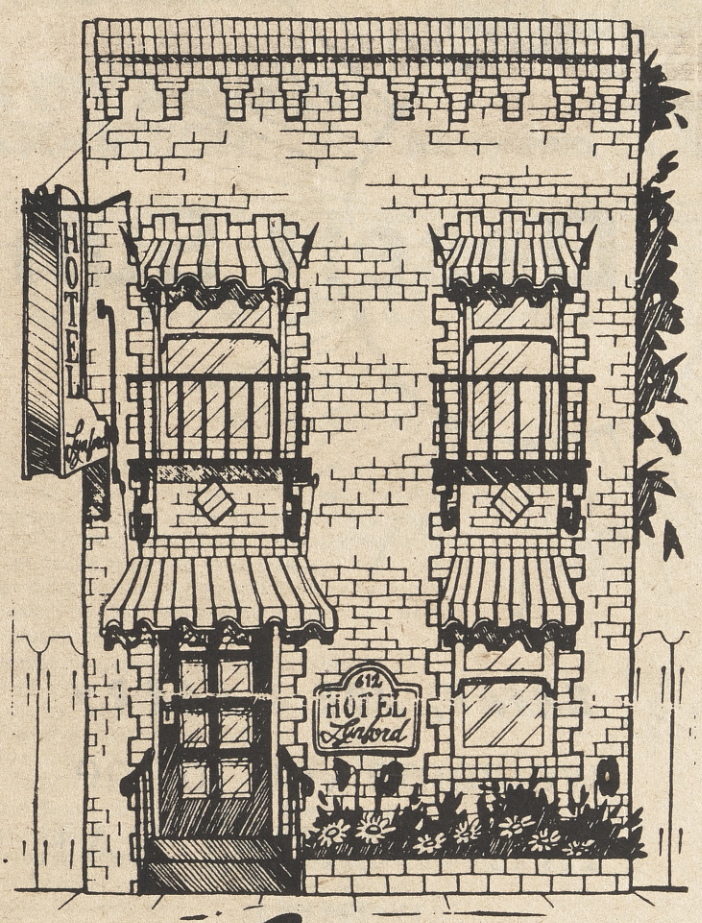

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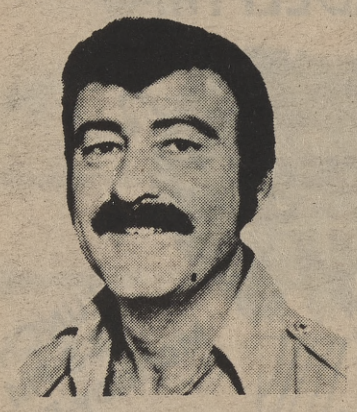

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PITTSBURGH

Pittsburgh has experienced an exceptional renaissance from the cloud of smog, soot, and smoke that enveloped it twenty-five years ago. The 'Golden Triangle,' where the Allegheny and Monongahala rivers come together to form the mighty Ohio River, is the 'Gateway' to the new Pittsburgh...one of the most impressive civic redevelopments in America. Pittsburgh, after New York and Chicago, is the third largest corporate center in the United States. Although the city's economy is still based on coal and steel, everything from atomic energy to plate-glass windows are manufactured here now.

The second largest city in Pennsylvania has a population of approximately 425,000 people, but the greater metropolitan area includes over two and one half million inhabitants. It was founded in 1758 by a young army major named George Washington...and named Fort Pitt in honor of the famous English Prime Minister.

Some of America's foremost industrialists,including Andrew Carnegie, Henry Ford Frick, and Thomas Mellon, settled here in the last century. It was the latter's descendent, Richard King Mellon, who was one of the key contributors to Pittsburgh's revival...so much in fact that some local wags dubbed it 'the Mellon Patch.' The American Federation of Labor (AFL) started here in 1881. The Post-Gazette was the first newspaper established west of the Allegheny Mountains. A very worthy successor in today's world is 'Out'...one of the finest gay publications in the USA.

Pittsburgh has the hottest bar scene in the Tri-State area of western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio, and northern West Virginia. The bars are open Monday through Saturday until 2:00 AM, but private clubs are open much later and on Sundays-...but you must be a member. Some restaurants also remain open Sundays. The city's two private clubs are Norreh at 1226 Herron Avenue and the Travelers Club at 6525 Hamilton in East Liberty. Norreh has an upstairs bar for women, basement cell for leatherman, and the main floor for everyone else. The Travelers follows more of a disco foremat.

Zack's at 334 Fourth Avenue is a new disco, jam packed on weekends, with den and game room downstairs, while Players at 430 E. Eighth Avenue in Homestead is the 'in' spot for younger women. Pegasus is another ever-popular downtown disco at 818 Liberty Avenue. The Crossover at 1241 Western Avenue, on the north side of West End Bridge, is the best levi and leather cruise bar for hundreds of miles around, but should be facing stiff competition from the new Pittsburgh Trucking Company at 730 River Avenue. The Holiday at 4620 Forbes Avenue, in Oakland, is Pittsburgh's oldest gay bar, but attracts some of its you[redacted] best looking post-preppie levi and western guys. Other spots include Shawn's and The Tender Trap.

Pittsburgh has three baths, the Arena, Club Pittsburgh, and Schune's. For books, try the Book Stall at 3604 5th Avenue in Oakland.

The new gay Beaux Arts Ball is held annually in May...this year at the William Penn Hotel, which may never be the same again. Besides costumes, fun and all-night parties, it also serves a good cause. Two other big parties are held on Memorial Day and Labor Day. Sponsored by the Pittsburgh Tavern Guild, they attract thousands of gay men and women. The proceeds benefit the Lambda Foundation...a sort of Gay United Way.

I like to stay at the Pittsburgh Hilton at Gateway Center, which is centrally located above the confluence of the three rivers. The Sheraton, the Hyatt at Chathoam Center, and the newly remodeled William Penn are all good hotels too.

The top gay dinner house is Jackson's at 1241 Penn Avenue, but some women visit Wildsisters at 27th and Jane. For casual, mostly straight dining, try the Grand Concourse and other new restaurants in Station Square, Del's, Figgin's, or C.J. Barney's for marvelous gourmet hamburgers. If elegant and expensive dining is your bag, try Christopher's Colony, Hugo's Rotisserie, La Normandie, La Plume, Lemont, or the Park Schenley.

As you drive into Pittsburgh from the airport, you travel through rolling hillsides and the Fort Pitt Tunnel...then pow! Point State Park and the soaring skyscrapers of the 'Golden Triangle' hit with an unexpected impact. You should visit the University of Pittsburgh, with its unique, Gothic, 42-story Cathedral of Learning, the old Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad Station, which is now an entertainment complex called Station Square. Carnegie Institute, Phipps Conservatory, Allegheny Observatory, and Heinz Hall, home of Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. The new PPG Place is a 'must' because of its architectural inventiveness.

For a thrilling view of the city, take the Duquesne Incline Railway to the top of Mt. Washington, and if you're a Steeler or Pirate fan, try to catch a game at Three Rivers Stadium.

Former mayor David Lawrence once described it as "the dirtiest slag pile in the United States." The acid-tongued architect Frank Lloyd Wright was asked what could be done about Pittsburgh, and answered "Abandon it." That was some time ago, and anyone who jokes about Pittsburgh today simply has not been there for a long time. It is a power-packed city, and is getting better all the time.

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MORE KETT

My Dear M. Kett,

I'm blond, brown-eyed, twenty-three, and I just love Black men. Give me dark meat any time. Occasionally some white guy will put the make on me. Is it proper to tell these guys that they're not the right color for me, or should I make up some little "white lie?"

Sincerely,

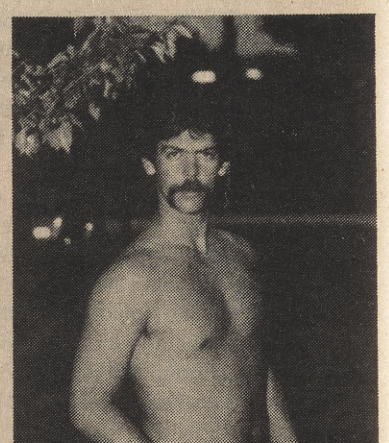
Humphrey

Dear Humphrey,

In many social situations, the white lie is the easiest way to spare the feelings of others—if you can think of a believable one. Personally, I've never concerned myself with the race or nationality of the men I'm attracted to so long as they've got Russian hands and Roman fingers.

Yours,

Edwards Endicott Kett



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Cold Champagne (Do pop a few poppers...of bubbly!)
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Fudging It

GAY PRIDE CHICKEN PECKS

Serves: 6

In some circles these are referred to as chicken boobs or breasts. Myself, I prefer a well-developed set of pecks which is what you should select for this recipe. You are going to stuff these pecks with nuts, and (as you know, sweetlips) the larger they are, the better they stuff.

Preparation Time: 25 minutes
Cooking time: 35 minutes

Ingredients:
6 large, half chicken pecks
2¼ cups ground walnuts (you can buy these already ground, or you can grind your own nuts. I prefer the former as I can't bear the latter!)
4½ Tablespoons plain bread crumbs
4½ Tablespoons lemon juice (Squeeze that fruit!)
1 egg
1 egg yolk
4½ teaspoons grated lemon rind
⅜ teaspoon chevril
⅜ teaspoon tarragon
2 Tablespoons butter
2 Tablespoons oil
1½ cups dry, white wine

Preparation:

1. Wash your chicken and pat it dry. (After all, who knows where it's been?)
2. Cut your chicken (as opposed to uncut) thusly: Thrust (oooh) a boning knife into the thickest part of the peck close to the bone and carefully cut a pocket (like pita bread) being careful to leave the skin intact.
3. Throw your nuts in a bowl and mix in the bread crumbs.
4. Slightly beat the egg and egg yolk. (I said "slightly," dear!)
5. Add the egg, lemon juice, lemon rind, chevril and tarragon to your nuts and mix well.
6. Stuff your pocket: fill the pocket in each chicken peck with the nut stuffing.
7. Preheat your oven to 350°.
8. Brown your chicken (my, my) in the butter and oil.
9. Slap your chicken in a baking pan.
10. Add the wine to the frying pan and bring it to a broil scraping up the brown bits that cling. Pour this over your waiting bird.
11. Bake your stuffed pecks for 20 minutes. Remove from cooking juices, cool, cover and refrigerate till ready to serve.

SERVING SUGGESTION: To bring out the full flavor, let the chicken come to room temperature. It should stand for about an hour. (I'm sure you can think of something to do!)

WALDORF HYSTERIA

Dear, this is almost as easy as ringing for room service at the Waldorf itself, and it's far better tasting. I mean, I've rung and wouldn't touch what they sent up with that food! At any rate, for 6 people chop up 5 to 6 apples which you have washed and cored (do leave the skin on). Stir in a teaspoon of lemon juice per apple to keep them from browning out on you. Wash and dice 5 celery stalks and toss that in with the apple. Sprinkle in some raisins and toasted sesame seeds. (To toast a sesame seed: Raise high you wine glass, say a few kind words, and swallow. Then spread your seeds in a single layer on a cookie sheet and bake at 350° for 20 minutes. They'll come out as golden as a California hustler.) Moisten with mayonnaise (not you, dear, the salad). Cover and chill till ready to serve.

RUNNY BRIE AND FRENCHING BREAD

Do buy a good Brie cheese—the kind that will get good and runy after it sits at room temperature for about an hour. As for the bread, it doesn't have to be French as long as it's crusty. Who am I to tell you "French" when you prefer Greek or an Italian?

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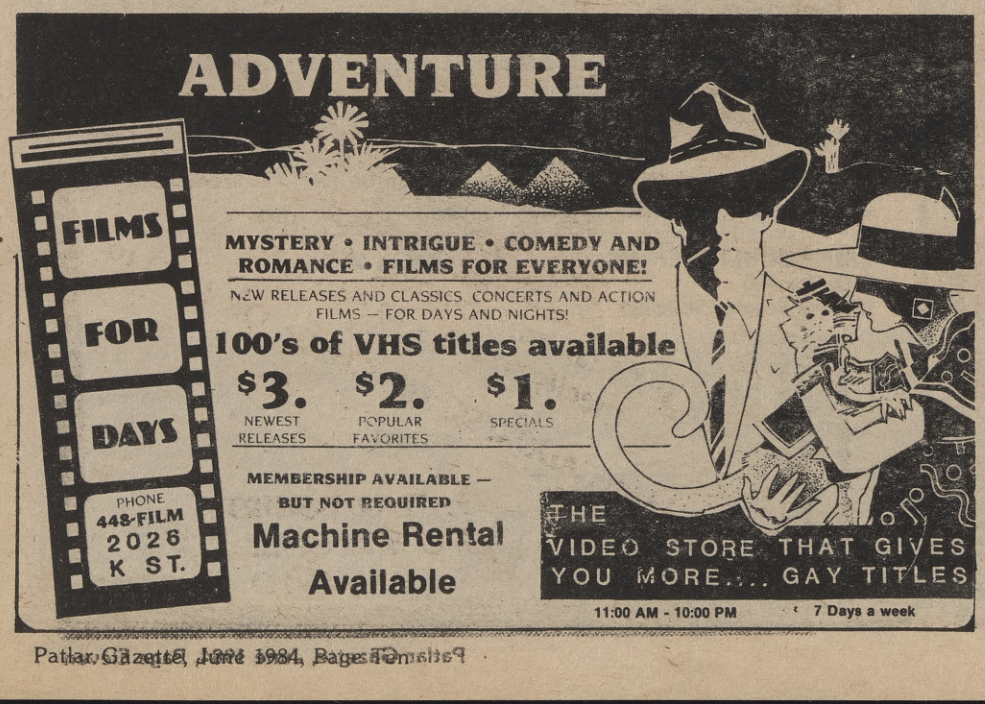
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—singer/song-writer/comic/recording artist/KPFA radio dj—

by Alex MacDonald

This conversation took place in Jon Sugar's flat on Parnassus in San Francisco. Jon and I had earlier in the day attended/participated in the rally at Union Square protesting—depending on your point of view—either the sentencing of Dan White, or his release from prison in accordance with that sentence. Jon, during the interview, assumed the regressive-recumbant position of an analysand, while I, seated, kept the multi-talented artist entertained with clever and provocative questions. For the sake of clarity and brevity, most of my questions have been cut from the following record of our exchange.

Alex: Let's start with the important stuff first. Talk to me of love.

Jon: Love? Why not? My lover dumped me for somebody else. I just fell in love with someone that wasn't right for me and I got dumped. Easy as falling off a truck. That was two years ago, after we lived together for seven months. What a ratio: two years of depression for seven months of love. But actually, the ninety-day free trial was pretty good. The meter didn't point to empty until the fourth month.

Alex: Sounds sour. How come?

Jon: Wrong energy. We were just wrong for each other. And, to be honest, I couldn't find work. But he had work. He got resentful about that.

Alex: I feel that work, like welfare, should be reserved for the truly needy. Then there wouldn't be so much resentment, and true love might run more smoothly.

Jon: But work finds me sometimes. You know, he was infatuated with me when we met. He pursued me. I looked pretty good then. And I have a crusty way about me. I have two moods: Strong and not-Strong. I was Strong when we met, not-Strong when he dumped me. When I'm Strong, I do all kinds of things. When I'm not-Strong, I do nothing.

Alex: Did he ever go to your shows?

Jon: He went, but he never talked much about them. I asked him lots of things, but talking to him was an exercise in progressive dentistry, like being dentist to a clam.

Alex: Do you still love him?

Jon: Well...Love can can be Hell, but it's always funny.

Alex: But your audiences loved you and gave you feedback.

Jon: The audiences loved me. I have a hardcore following. I don't know how big it is because that varies. In Berkeley I could fill a hall any time I performed. I had hippies and queens and rock-and-rollers, mostly in their twenties. Then, when I started doing more comedy and less rock-and-roll, I got a broader audience. But I've had some shows that were packed, and others where you could've put them all in a bathtub and they'd still have room to splash around. Publicity, the weather, society in general, all that makes a difference, especially with gay people being the way they are.

Alex: What way are they?

Jon: Well, the dichotomy of the community, the gay and lesbian community...Basically the lesbians are more bonding, and gay men are more competitive, so that women performers get support because of their sense of sisterhood, but gay men would rather go to a disco and look at themselves in a mirror while they dance.

Alex: But you get a lot of praise and recognition. And you seem to have a following.

Jon: Oh, I do. And I like it when people say nice things to me. Not when it's kiss-ass, but if it's genuine and heartfelt, I know how to take it. And I give back a genuine and sincere thank you, and I feel great for the rest of the day.

Alex: You described yourself once, on a radio show, I think, as a cross-section of American White Trash. I've never quite been able to grasp that notion.

Jon: Hmm, you remember that. Well, it's true. I took a lot of drugs over the weekend, and I decided that Herman Munster is my real father.

Alex: Herman Munster? Is he someone I am supposed to know?

Jon: He was the lead character that looked like Frankenstein. In the TV show, *The Munsters*.

Alex: Oh, yes, now I remember. Yes, you're right. There is a striking resemblance, now that you mention it.

Jon: I have his gait, you know, and his height, and his incisive wit...Hmm, and I sometimes wear my hair like his, when I'm really going for that Herman Munster look. Maybe it's because my mother reminds me of Frankenstein.

Alex: Pere or fils?

Jon: Hmm?

Alex: What I mean is, what's all this got to do with being a cross-section of American White Trash?

Jon: Just that I grew up in Florida, in Miami, a big rambling southern town, complete with riots and heat prostration, and it's all very conducive of crackers with dirty underwear and no shoes on and they're standing around diggin' in their noses. That's where my consciousness comes from. And then, too, I have access to AM radio and I listen to the quirky stations at the far end of the dial.

Alex: How does all that fit together with being Jewish?

Jon: I play on a lot of idioms. I draw from being a comic a Jew, a gay, a musician, and all the different lexical items that go with those idioms. A single sentence might be sprinkled with Yiddish and gay slang, and I might come off sounding like a cross-section of William Burroughs grafted onto a punk rocker.

Alex: Do you have a didactic intent? It seems to me that Jewish humor usually tries to make us wiser.

Jon: That's because of the Jewish mother who rules the family with an iron fist and a chuckle. And, unh, what exactly do you think you're doing? An imitation of Christ, or what?

Alex: Hardly, I'm stretching. My shoulder hurts, and I'm hyperextending my arms. It loosens up those muscles.

Jon: Hyperextending? That sure sounds like Christ: reaching too far.

Alex: We're straying from the subject. A little discipline, please. Why does your mother remind you of Frankenstein?

Jon: That's a tough one. I don't think it's just the electrodes in her neck. I think the real Frankenstein was a little like her, kind of jolly and cuddly. Didn't it start that way? Love of the Ugly is the most beautiful of all, or something like that?

Alex: Could be. I do know that Mary Shelley spent a lot of time at the grave of her dead infant and had an unusual attraction to putrefaction. The novel may have been her way of dealing with a phantasy of resurrecting her child's body.

Jon: They never told us that. Frankenstein always seemed to me like Baby Huey.

Alex: What's that, Baby Huey? A musical group?

Jon: Baby Huey? Baby Huey's a three-hundred-pound duck. A cartoon duck. You used to find him in movie houses, but now he's on TV in bastardized versions updated for the sixties and seventies. But he's still just this big fat duck, and all the slender ducks make fun of him, and in the end Baby Huey always comes through and saves them from their own folly. He's actually akin to a friend of mine more than to me. Buster. Buster was this big dopey guy. But Buster wasn't all nice. He carried a gun and he was a gangster, but he was basically fat and sweet and needed his gun for those reasons. When I said once that I'm like Baby Huey, I just mean I'm like him physically, not spiritually, except that I'm basically a good guy who wants to be loved, and that's what Baby Huey wants, too. In my more serious moments, I see myself as more like Lenny Bruce.

Alex: You're no stranger to loneliness, are you?

Jon: She's my oldest friend, though not my best one. When I was in my teens, I was more or less ostracised for being strange. God, was I strange. I was fat, for one thing. And I was emotionally twisted. My mother worked two jobs, and there wasn't anybody ever around me from the time I was thirteen until I decided to leave home. Literally no one. Except for the parties of kids who used to beat me up after school.

And then there was the time I jerked off my dachshund.

Alex: Your dachshund? A wiener dog? You jerked-off a wiener dog. That's kind of shocking.

Jon: I was only eleven. Give me a break.

Alex: I'm not sure I want to hear about this.

Jon: Too late now; you've already heard. And it's on tape. I just got a grip on him, but he was easy, he went for it. I only did it because I was an out-of-it kind of kid. I invited the neighborhood kids to watch, and they went to school and told all their friends. They were sort of into it, too. Eventually it got around school that I blew my dog, and that was a lie. I never blew my dog. Nobody's gonna blow a dachshund. I just jerked him off, so I had to go around school telling everybody and set the record straight.

Alex: An incriminating denial.

Jon: Tell me about it; it got to the principal, and he called my mother, that's how incriminating it was. She, being a sensitive artist type, ran me down to Jackson Memorial Hospital. They were experimenting with electro-shock on effeminate behavior, and I got a jolt of it.

Alex: Rather. But let's talk about you. When was the next time you saw your name in lights?

Jon: When I got out on my own, the only thing I wanted to do was music. I worked jobs. I made just enough money so I could pursue my art in the after hours. I found myself living in ghettoes. I lived in Liberty City, and I lived in white trash neighborhoods, too. There are good soul radio stations in Miami, and lots of beach parties and outdoor barbecues. So it got better. But I didn't make a real splash until I came to Berkeley after my mother moved out here. I threw parties here that over a thousand people came to. They were so infamous, those parties, that they got reported in the ***Berkeley Barb***. Do you know what it took to get written up in the ***Barb***?

Alex: My imagination just went blank.

Jon: I'm not going to tell you. You're too young for some things. People forget what it was like here then. When was that; five or six years ago?

Alex: A lot has happened since then. AIDS is putting people back in the closet. How do you fight that?

Jon: It's scary, I know. The lyrics of my new record are real strong and, in spots, abrasive, because it deals essentially with loose sexuality, or the periphery of loose sexuality, and my feeling is that that part of our society exists and I don't want to ignore it. Most gay singer-songwriters portray gays with white hats and straights with black hats, but I try to present a choice of materials and give a total picture of human beings with functions and feelings. And I like to gross people out, even if it means talking about zits over dinner. And so with AIDS. I know gay men who focus on AIDS and have essentially an AIDS phobia. They don't date, they don't go out. But you came out of the closet for a reason, and I think you should live your life as long as you have one.

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SAN FRANCISCO

GOLDEN GATE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, in San Francisco is promoting a TEA DANCE which will begin at 1 PM following the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade on Sunday, June 24, 1984. This dance will be held in the main auditorium on the first floor of California Hall, 625 Polk Street, only two city blocks from the termination point and speakers' platform at City Hall. Skip Albright Productions will provide a variety of music including traditional tea dance disco music. This event is scheduled to begin at 1:00 PM or immediately following the parade and will continue until 5:30 PM. A $5 donation is requested and tickets may be ordered by writing to: TEA DANCE, c/o Golden Gate Metropolitan Community Church, 625 Polk St., Suite M3, San Francisco, CA 94102.

Those individuals who plan to attend the dance are welcome to attend the regularly scheduled Sunday Evening Church Service which will be held at the same location in California Hall, following the dance.

An informal worship service is being scheduled to begin one hour prior to the scheduled start of the parade, at the march gathering point for GGMCC at Spear and Mission Streets. A MCC Banner will designate where this group is meeting. If you are from out of town and do not have a group with which you are already planning to march, you are certainly welcome to join for both the service and the march.

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CHEYENNE

Tri-State Lambda (TSL) sponsors a coffeehouse the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month starting at 8 PM. The function is held at the Izaak Walton Hall in Cheyenne.

Upcoming events include the following: June 23—Picnic in Holliday Park; July 20—Frontier Days Dance (site to be announced); August 24—TSL Night at the Horse Creek Inn; Septemer 21—Dance at Hynds Lodge, Curt Gowdy State Park; September 30—"Fag Football" at Izaak Walton Hall; October 27—Halloween Dance, Hynds Lodge, Curt Gowdy Park; November 27—TSL Anniversary Party and Comedy Show, Izaak Walton Hall.

For more information write TSL, PO Box 1542, Cheyenne, WY 82001 or telephone (307) 634-9234.

COLUMBUS

The Richard T. Moore Community Center Project meets monthly. It is concerned with opening a center for lesbians and gay men in Columbus. Persons who want to become involved or who have ideas about how to generate more community participation should call (614) 488-2096.

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NEW YORK

A new toll-free national gay information service called GAY800 reports that the number of calls it is receiving is 70 to 100 each day from all over the country.

The service is designed as an alternative to gay guidebooks. A feature of the service is that it is computerized and is always current.

The switchboard for GAY800 is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Operators are prepared to give callers information and referrals on guesthouses, entertainment spots, and professional services when such referrals are available. There is no charge for the service to the caller, as the businesses listed pay for company expenses.

Those wishing to reach the service for referrals or to have their businesses listed should call (800) 223-7030.

BUFFALO

In Buffalo, the City Council recently approved protection for gay and lesbian city employees over the opposition of the mayor.

The Council recently voted to add sexual orientation to the protected characteristics which include race, color, national origin, creed, sex, disability, or marital status. The mayor vetoed the change, but the Council overrode the veto.

The ordinance was introduced and passed without a public hearing. Local activists present said the quiet, businesslike passage was beneficial. Other observers noted that the city's Catholic bishop did not oppose the ordinance, thereby smoothing its passage.

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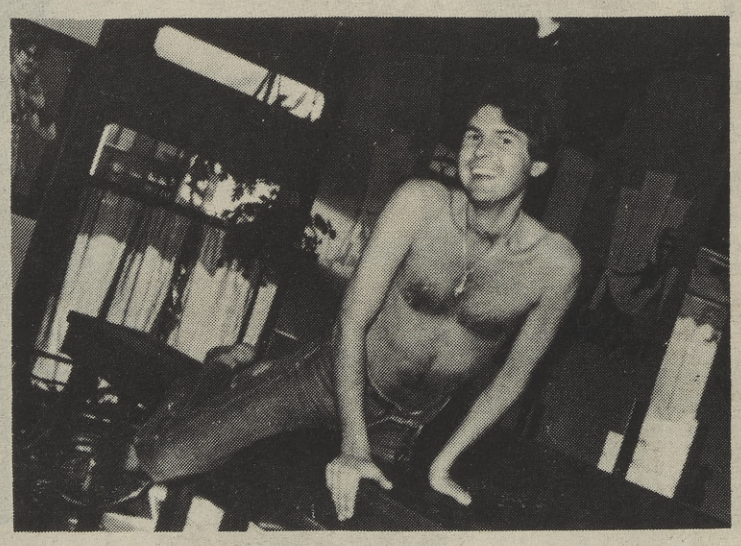

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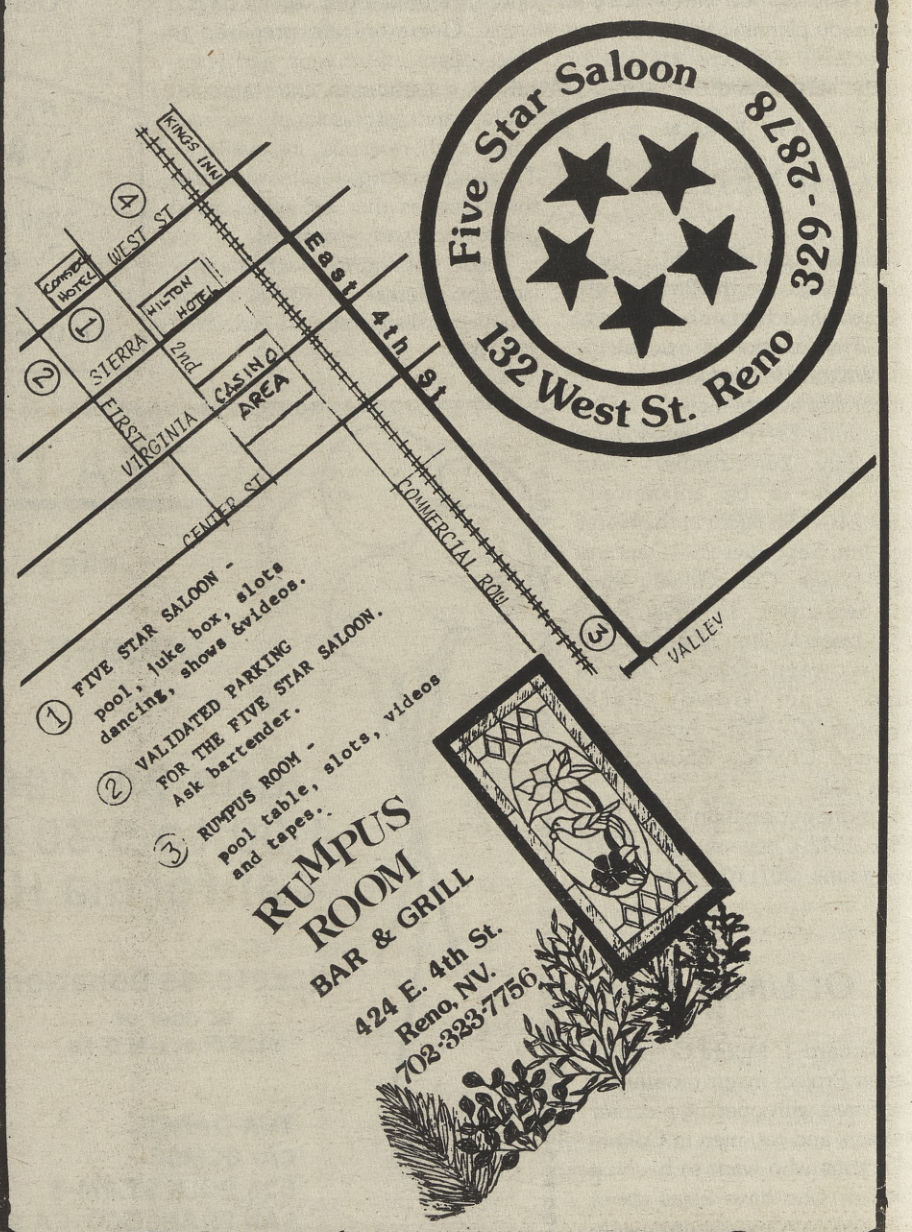

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For more information write PO Box 2372, Reno NV 89505 or telephone (702) 677-0742.

OKLAHOMA CITY

Competition for Mr. Gay All-American 1984-1985 will be held in Oklahoma City June 29—July 1. The winner of the contest will receive a prize of $3000, while the first runnerup will receive $1000, and the second runnerup will receive $500.

For more informatin contact Norman Kristie, Inc., PO Box 4699 Little Rock, AR 72204 or call (501) 562-8641 or (501)225-1300.

CINCINNATI

The Cincinnati Gay and Lesbian Pride Week Celebration will be held June 9-17. It is anticipated that this sixth annual celebration will be the best one yet.

Pride Week will begin on Saturday, June 9, with a Gay and Lesbian Day at Kings Island. Gay people are requested to wear red for identification. There are no reservations — participants are just requested to show up.

The week will end on Sunday June 17, with a Pride Rally in downtown Cincinnati. For more information write: Pride Week Committee, PO Box 19158 Cincinnati, OH 45219. (513) 851-3326.

EAST LANSING

A volleyball tournament is scheduled at Valley Court Park in East Lansing on June 9. The event will benefit the Lesbian/Gay Hotline. Two women's teams and two or three men's teams from the Lansing area have entered, as have teams from Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, Grand Rapids, Saugatuck, and Traverse City. A party and trophy awarding will be held after the tournament.

There is still time to enter the Hotline's volleyball tournament. Interested parties should contact the Hotline at (517) 332-1611.

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The Lansing Health Information Network Council (LHINC) is a non-profit organization which strives to ensure quality and well-rounded health care for the lesbian/gay community. To attain this goal, LHINC has established a health care referral system of both mental and medical health-care providers, designed educational sessions for various audiences and participants, and assists in direct, immediate health care on a limited basis.

LHINC consists of concerned individuals and representatives from several organizations. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Pantree Restaurant in East Lansing. Interested persons and representatives of organizations are invited to attend. For more information, please call (517) 351-0562.

JACKSON

The Mississippi Gay Alliance provides a variety of educational, informational, referral, and counseling services. The organization is located at 513 North State Street in Jackson. The telephone number is (601) 355-7495.

STILLWATER

A gay student group was recently given registered status at Oklahoma State University i Stillwater.

The official name for the new group is Students for Homosexual Awareness.

Now that obstacles of campus registration have been overcome, the new group has on its agenda the possible formation of a gay hotline; presenting well-known, credible speakers; networking with other state gay organizations; and regularly scheduled meetings.

For further details about the new OSU group, write to Students for Homosexual Awareness, c/o The Student Union, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74076.

TURLOCK

A group of students at Stanislaus State University has formed an organization called Gays and Friends of Gays. The group will be oriented to social and educational events for gay and non-gay people.

The group hopes to remain active over the summer months. For more information call Susan Frawley (209) 667-6092.

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BERKELEY

East Bay Gay Day is set for June 17 at Ho Chi Mihn Park in Berkeley. The event will run from noon until 6 PM and will feature live music by Debbie Saunders, Gwen Avery, and Jon Sugar.

Fruitpunch is a gay men's radio program which is broadcast from Berkeley every Wednesday at 10 PM on KPFA—FM94. The show is hosted by rock/comic Jon Sugar and provides a variety of lesbian/gay features.

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The Gay Teachers of Maryland is constantly growing, with approximately 20 members in attendance at a recent meeting.

At the conclusion of socials, important matters are frequently discussed. For example, there is a need for a support system to be set up for teachers who are being harrassed because they are suspected of being gay. Further discussion of this topic will take place at future meetings.

Ways in which the members can contact local school officials and counselors concerning the special needs of gay and lesbian youth are among the concerns of the groups.

All interested persons are invited to attend meetings which are generally held the second Tuesday of each month. Further information as to place and time may be secured by calling the Switchboard at (301) 837-8888.

HOUSTON

One of Houston's finest guesthouses opens its antique golden gates to welcome and accommodate the personal needs of its out-of-town guests. The 22 individually decorated suites of the *Eagle Crest Inn* represent a variety of tastes from fun and frivolous to quiet and elegant.

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LOS ANGELES

The annual fund-raising dinner sponsored by the Municipal Election Committee of Los Angeles recently raised $200,000 for the group's political action fund.

Nearly 1400 supporters attended the affair, including several state and national politicians. Spokesmen for the group believe the turnout reflected the gay community's outrage over Governor Deukmijian's veto of the gay employment rights bill earlier this year.

The turnout was a record for a committee event. Assemblyman Art Agnos, D—San Francisco, was honored at the dinner. Agnos has sponsored the gay rights legislation for the past four years.

The dinner speaker was US Senator Christopher Dodd, D—Conn., who said congress was behind the times on gay rights issues. Dodd indicated that the public generally does not believe people should be discriminated against because they are gay and accused President Reagan of retarding the progress of gay rights.

The committee contributes to Republicans as well as Democrats who support gay rights issues. Among the politicians who attended the dinner were Representative Gerry Studds, D—Mass., California Lieutenant Governor Leo McCarthy, and Attorney General John Van de Kamp.

FT. LAUDERDALE/ MIAMI

The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC) and Dignity International will hold simultaneous international conferences in Ft. Lauderdale/Miami, July 19-26, 1987. On Saturday, July 25, there will be a joint celebration for the two large organizations.

Other religious organizations that provide ministry to gay people will be invited to participate.

For more information contact: Dignity International—(202) 861-0017 or UFMCC—Mr. Ravi Verma—(213) 464-5100 or Mr. Adam DeBaugh—(301) 585-3330 or write MCC 5300 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 304, Los Angeles, CA 90029.

FT. COLLINS

Barbeque is now available at the Fort Collins *Sagebrush* each Sunday Evening. The proceeds go to defray the expenses of the lesbian softball team.

New hours for the only gay bar in No. Colorado, which is located in Ft. Collins, are: 3 PM-2 AM Monday-Thursday; 3 PM-4 AM Fridays; noon to 4 AM Saturday; and noon to midnight on Sunday.

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CHICO

By Dereck

May was a beautiful month here in Chico. The weather warmed into the 80's and shorts and T's are now commonly worn everywhere. Most of our beautiful men are already sporting their rapidly darkening tans which they get from sunbathing at the 1-mile and 5-mile swimming holes in Bidwell Park. Those who prefer an even tan all over, sunbathe and swim in upper park where there are many places to skinny dip and feel free.

The countryside around Chico and Bidwell Park is very beautiful this time of year. In May we enjoyed the many visitors from across California and even from Oregon. The Gay Population of Chico says "Thank You" to the *PATLAR GAZETTE* and Bob Damron's Guide for letting people know about our community and what's happening.

In late April, 900 Cherry St. held its first Cross Dress Party. Approximately 140 men and women attended the function with many in drag, including Ray and Joe (the managers) and yours truly. It was a fun night, including everything from comic drag to high fashion.

The New World Theatre sponsored a Celebrity Look Alike Contest at 900 Cherry St. on May 19. Next month I will let you know who won.

Our local Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays are having their monthly meeting. The special guest in May was our own Mayor Karl Ory of Chico.

The only upcoming event planned for June is a Bikini Contest on Friday the 15th for both men and women at 900 Cherry St. I will report the events of this contest also next month. Till then, I wish you all Love and Happiness.

NEW ORLEANS

The New Orleans City Council has rejected a gay rights ordinance that would have made it the first major city in the Deep South to ban discrimintion against gay women and men. The measure failed on a tie vote. The measure lost after two supporters on the Council switched votes.

The proposed gay rights ordinance would have prohibited discrimination against gays in employment, housing, and the use of public facilities such as restaurants, theaters, and motels. It is not known when the measure will be taken up again.

ALBUQUERQUE

Common Bond's information, referral, and counseling telephone line now operates every day, 7-10 PM.

Twelve volunteer peer counselors operate the telephone information service. In addition to providing information about gay and lesbian events and organizations, the telephone volunteers provide peer counseling services to those who want information about gayness.

The Information Line needs more volunteers. The goal is to have a man and a woman on duty during all operating hours. Presently there is only one person working on the line at a time.

Telephone volunteers should be comfortable with their own sexuality, patient, positive, concerned, discreet, trustworthy, and aware of gay culture. They must also be members of Common Bond.

The Information Line is operated out of Common Bond's new office at 1330 San Pedro N.E., Suite 207-B. There is a 24-hour security service in the building in the event of trouble.

Most of those who call the Information Line get the number from the Albuquerque telephone book. It is listed under "Gay & Lesbian Information line" and "Common Bond, Inc." in the business section of the white pages, and under "Social Service Organizations."

Most of those who call the Information Line are seeking information about events and places to meet other gays and lesbians. The telephone volunteers have available to them the latest information about what is going on in the lesbian and gay community of New Mexico, including advance copies of *Common Bond Ink*. The Information Line also accepts and gives out information about employment opportunities, housing, and other notices.

The Common Bond Information Line number is (505) 266-8041.

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Stonewall Center has opened in Albuquerque to serve the needs of gay women and men. The facility is located in Suite 207 of Autrey Plaza, 1330 San Pedro Drive NE. The center has a counseling room, a social room, and a reception area.

Eventually personal counseling sessions, talk nights, and other gatherings will be scheduled. At this time there is a group which meets every Thursday night in a program called "getting it together". A similar Monday night group is forming. Wednesday nights will be "rap night."

For additional information, call (505) 268-9113.

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The first official user of downtown's newest pedestrian mall will be Albuquerque's Lesbian/Gay Pride Week Parade.

The new Fourth Street pedestrian mall, named "The Crossroads," will be the destination point of this year's Pride Week Parade. The parade will begin at UNM's Johnson Fields at 10 AM, Saturday, June 16 and will continue down Central Ave. to The Crossroads. The parade will start Lesbian and Gay Pride Week '84.

All organizations planning events between June 16-24 should include the events in the Official Albuquerque Pride Week Calendar by calling (505) 256-0595.

NEWPORT

A rap group for lesbians meets each Wednesday at 7:30 PM in Newport, Oregon. Women who want to attend or want to know more about lesbian activities should call (503) 265-5248. The line may not always be answered because the women all have jobs, so callers should keep trying.

PORTLAND

LEZ PRESS, a publishing house, was formed recently. The publishing firm will print quality work of interest to lesbians, as well as feminist and gay oriented material, which because of its nature is not generally considered by major publishing houses. Manuscripts are invited. For information write: Lez Press, Box 4387, Portland, OR 97208.

EUGENE

DIGNITY, an outreach group to gay and lesbian Catholics, meets in the St. Thomas More Newman Center in Eugene. Dignity is a support group promoting an environment where gays and lesbians can worship within the Catholic Church. For more information call Lynch at (503) 343-7021 or write c/o the Newman Center, 1850 Emerald Street, Eugene, OR 97403.

CONCORD

GAY CRISIS-LINE of Diablo Valley has been hard at work. The original volunteers completed their forty hours of crisis-line training and have logged over 200 hours of service on the lines. A second training series has recently been completed which has increased the number of volunteers who can work on the lines.

An on-going task of volunteers has been to develop a strong network of referrals to meet the needs of our diverse community. A need to raise sufficient money is also another continuous task for the group. Donations from interested community members have helped. Such donations are always welcome and encouraged.

Most recently a business card has been designed to help get the word out to our community. When there is a need for emotional support during a crisis, someone seeking information or a special referral, it helps to get help from one of our own, thereby minimizing embarrassment, confusion, and distress for the caller.

Currently the Gay Crisis Line receives calls Friday and Saturday evenings from 7 PM to midnight. Phone number is (415) 674-0171. As the number of volunteers increases, the hours of the crisis line will be extended. Persons who want to volunteer time, on or off the lines, should write to: Diablo Valley Gay Crisis Line, PO Box 6212, Concord, CA 94524.

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SAN JOSE

By Robert J. Colton

This month I located a nice bar that several people already know about...The Three Star Tavern located at 315 South First Street and San Fernando.

The staff of the Three Star Tavern invites everyone in San Jose to come in. The bartenders are Bill, David, Rudy, and Jack. The hours are Mon-Fri 8am-2am and Sat-Sun 6am-2am.

Mac's is located at 349 So. First Street with Skip, Richie, and Rafeal pouring behind the bar. It's another great place to come to and have a great time in.

On June 17 there will be a Father's Day Brunch at Broadway and Toyon. Toyon hosts events every month, so watch for more information or come in and ask the bartender on duty about planned events.

The San Jose Tavern Guild will present a fundraiser for the AIDS/KS Foundation on Sun June 17 at 10pm. The following bars have donated a thirteen-inch Sharp color TV which will be auctioned off: Main Street, 6-4-1, Boot Rack, Renegades, Buck's Saloon & Ice Cream Parlour, Toyon, and Mac's. Don't miss this one!

On June 3 at Bucks, Gary Fuller (AKA Cheri), candidate for Empress XVII, and Casa de San Jose, Inc., are hosting an auction starting at 4pm.

Jim Stull, candidate for Emperor VIII, is having the following events. June 24 at Toyon ($10 donation) 11am-12 noon, no-host bar. Champagne brunch, 12 noon-2pm. July 1, Peasant Fair at Renegades, on the patio, Sun 1pm-until???

On June 10 at Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, the candidates of Casa de San Jose, Inc. will host a B-B-Q to benefit the AIDS/KS Foundation and the Casa de San Jose, Inc. The menu will feature steak, salad, and baked beans ($10 in advance or $12 at the door). Tickets may be purchased from the candidates.

The 13th Annual Picnic at Saratoga Springs will be held on June 3. If you were at the picnic in previous years, then you already know how much fun one can have. So plan to be there once again this year. For more information, call (408) 243-4595.

In early May I attended an auction at the Revol in Oakland. It was sponsored by Eddy Paulsen from Hayward and Little Mother of Oakland. I was happy to see so many peole come and bid on the wonderful items. The event will help everyone who is affected by AIDS/KS, either directly or indirectly.

The Silver Fox is having another auction in June. Please plan to attend. Their last auction raised over $1500. Let's see if we can raise more this time. For more information, contact Silver Fox either by telephone or in person.

MODESTO

The Stanislaus Owl Empire (SOE) is continuing its collection of newspapers, glass bottles, and aluminum cans. To have such items picked up, call Jim or Bill at (209) 524-5327.

Functions the group are planning include the following: June 10—Annual Picnic of the Owl Empire; June 16—Cowboy/Cowgirl Barn Dance; June 17—Pleasant Peasant Faire; June 18—General Meeting of the Owl Empire at the Modesto Community Service Center 800 E. Morris Ave., Room 202, Modesto.

For more information write Stanislaus Owl Empire, PO Box 6272, Modesto, CA 95355.

MONTCLAIR

Fourth Sunday is an organization of gay men and lesbians in the Pomona/San Gabriel Valleys which meets on the fourth Sunday of each month at the Unitarian Center, 9185 Monte Vista, Montclair. For information contact Jim at 981-5469 or Wayne at 624-2229.

The Pomona/San Gabriel Valley Gay/Lesbian Coalition provides a wide variety of services. In addition to operating an information-and-resource hotline, such support services as discussion groups and educational programs are presented. For more information, write PSGVGLC, 710 W. Orange Grove, Pomona, CA 91768.

MORE LAVENDRE

Dear Lavendre,

My lover, Mr. Khan, is from Iran. Obviously he's here to stay, given the present political situation over there.

Mr. Khan and I have been living together, quite placidly as a matter of fact, for about three years now. Our relationship has always been anything except platonic. In fact, he's about the horniest one dude I've ever known, and I've known more that a few.

The problem is that Mr. Khan has always insisted that he isn't gay. In fact, he won't identify with gayness in any way. The idea of gayness seems to horrify him. And he keeps telling me not to get my hopes up, that all Iranian men go through stages liking men and that as soon as he turns twenty-six (he's now twenty-three and a half) he will marry a dame and forget all about me forever and ever. In the meantime, we're giving some serious thought to buying a house.

What do you think about this situation? Frankly, I love Mr. Khan, but I'd also like to be able to associate with other gay men openly in my own home; now I'm reduced to doing so on the sly, away from home. It's all so confusing.

Haskel
(San Diego)

Haskel,

The mideastern male remains a mystery to me, and confuses even the best of us. I have seen man of these "un-gay" dudes get in the saddle and only stop for meals. We're just at their mercy.

I've always had an impression that the mideastern male (stereotypically speaking) preferred the Sophie Tucker approach. ("Sophie, said her boyfriend, Ernie, "You've got no tits and one tight box!" Sophie replied, "Get off my back.")

Do what you can, Haskel. However, try to keep your Mr. Khan away from any or all blonde women, especially bottle blondes. You will make your own bed—and you will sleep in it...No matter what Mr. Khan may say he is or does.

L.C.

Dear Lavendre,

I've got an unusual problem that is driving me up the walls, literally.

My first name, which I love and which I inherited from my paternal step-grandmother, is Zebra. It is prnounced just like Debra, except with a Z.

Lately, I've been seeing this certain party, with whom I've given some thought to forming a relationship. The problem is that she insists on calling me her "Little ZEEbra," pronouncing my name like I was some sort of striped horse. I am not amused. She knows the correct pronunciation of my name, and she is well aware of how I hate to have it mispronounced.

Do you think there's hope for us, and what do you suggest I do to clear up this tacky situation?

Zebra
(Cleveland)

Dear Zebra,

Next time she calls you ZEEBRA after specifically being asked to refrain from it, just punch her in the face. The message (while not ladylike) will be received loudly and clearly. If she takes you to task over that, there's probably no hope for a lasting relationship, since you hve obviously applied a more subtle approach on more than one earlier occasion.

L.C.

Dear Lavendre,

How would you suggest a person who is interested in forming a deep platonic gay emotional relationship go about doing so?

With all those awful sex-related diseases going around, to me sex just isn't worth it anymore. I never was very contact-sex oriented anyhow. Besides, I understand that some of the more important churches these days no longer consider homosexuality a sin if the people involved don't horse around.

But, Lavendre, I'd really like to have a platonic lover to share my life with. I'm a cowboy.

Angelo
(Kirkland, Arizona)

Angelo—

Ride on! I know there are some men out there interested in deeply platonic relationships, just as deeply as many are interested in horsing around.

However, my vast experience tells me that you'll be searching quite a while, especially down there in Kirkland. If you send me your full name & address, I'll be more than happy to see what I can do to examine your interests further.

One of the extremely difficult areas in gay relationships is achieving emotional bliss, especially since sex is generally a front-runner for affection and attention-getting methods.

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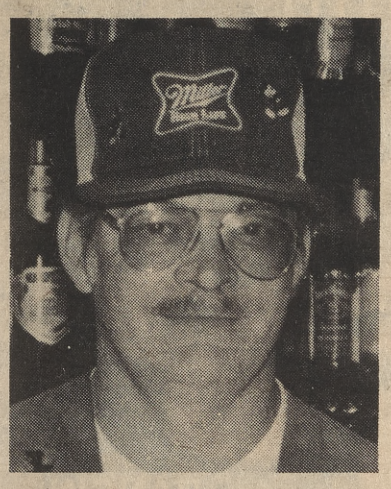

CLEARLAKE

By Bill Mooney

The Lake—where the hell is the Lake? It is only a short drive from just about everywhere. From Mt. Shasta to the Bay Area, come out and visit the Lake. Many things are planned for the summer. If you just want to get away from it all, the Lake will work its spell on you, and it is a feeling that you won't soon forget!! Many resorts are very reasonable. Rooms start at $18. The Shamrock Resort, which is just a short walk from the Cabaret, has RV hookups, hot tub, units fronting the Lake, lawn area for sunbathing. Call (707) 998-3331. Sunset Point has The Bunkhouse, hot tubs, RV spaces, and cabins by the Lake. At Gene's Saloon, Jimmy Joe will look after you. Summer is here. But there is still time for everyone to get out on the water. John & Joel have just started something you will enjoy for a long time after you leave. Whether it is water skiing or just checking out the Lake, rates are reasonable. So call (707) 998-1955 for a great time! Glenhaven Inn has added some extra units and offers a great sundeck and cabins with kitchens. The telephone is (707) 998-3260. The Inn is located just behind the Cabaret. Mt. View Deli makes outstanding sandwiches, and with the coupon you can't find a better meal deal. Check out the mags on the rack-...sometimes you have ask Joynce for the good ones—her private stock! Don't forget that the store has a lot to offer in the way of canned goods, snacks, sweets, and cold beer. June is busy time with a lot of things to keep you jumping. In June, Gene's Saloon will hold their first White Ball. You can create your own costume in white, and cash prizes will be awarded on June 2 at 10 pm. Welcome the summer with a ball; there will be four during the summer. Watch for more information. June 23 will be the Big Bash at the Cabaret. They are going to be Two Years Young! At the stroke of 8:30 pm., there is going to be a Hot Summer Night with a free buffet and toga party. Door prizes will be given. There will be fun and MEN! Sunday brunch will have a theme of A Roman Orgy Brunch from 11 am to 2 pm. For $3, you can have all you can eat. That also includes a Bloody Mary. Randy will take care of your and he does a good job. Terry will help on the floor. A big thank you to the Diablo Valley MCC for their visit to the Lake. It was a pleasure to have you here...do it again soon! Sports and fun—the volleyball team here invites any team to play. Entry fee is $2 per team, and there are prizes and trophies donated by various community businesses. Write or call Tom or Dayle at (707) 998-1921 or 998-9933. The Cracked Skillet has made changes and it is going to be the busy spot to get good food. They have new hours and are open 5 am to 7 pm. Support your community businesses. Extra. Extra. Clearlake Properties has opened a new branch office just across the street from the Cabaret. It is now only a short walk to find out about the real estate available at the Lake. Chuck at the Cabaret will be more than happy to help you in any way. Thank you everyone for another fine year at the Lake!!

More SAN FRAN

The San Francisco Chapter of The Gay Atheist League of America (GALA) has taken steps to ensure that more lesbians become involved locally. Monthly meetings were moved from the president's home to the Valencia Rose Cafe which is located in a neighborhood with a large lesbian population. Women speakers have been invited to address the group and discuss women's issues. The chapter has decided to use the name "Gay and Lesbian Atheists of San Francisco" to make sure that lesbians feel included.

Future projects of the San Francisco Chapter include finding more women speakers for the monthly meetings and putting more messages of interest to lesbians on the "Dial-A-Gay-Atheist" telephone service. Nationally, the Gay Atheist League will be attempting to recruit more lesbian members and to solicit more articles written by women for the GALA Review.

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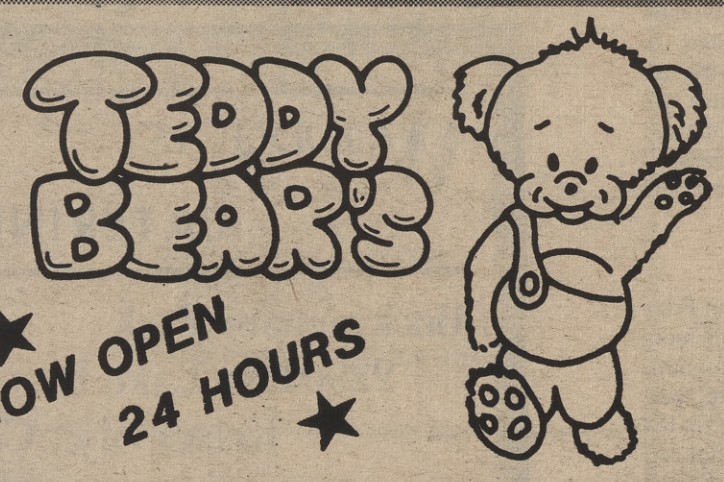

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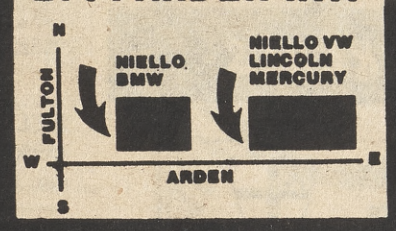

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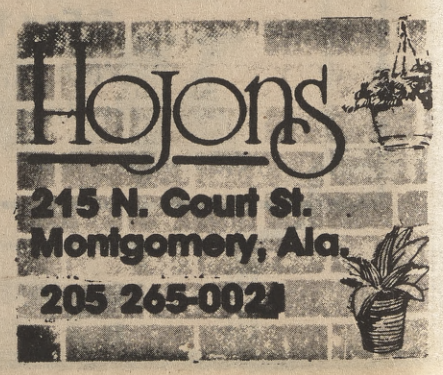

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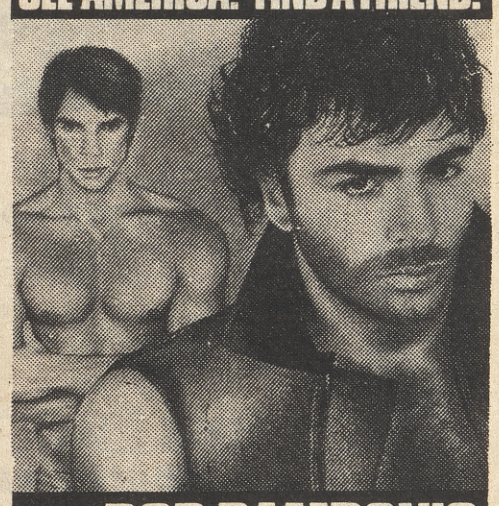

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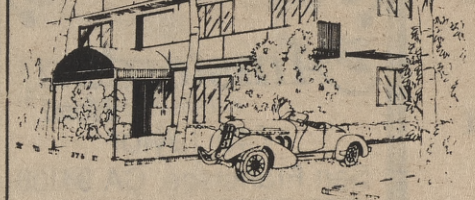

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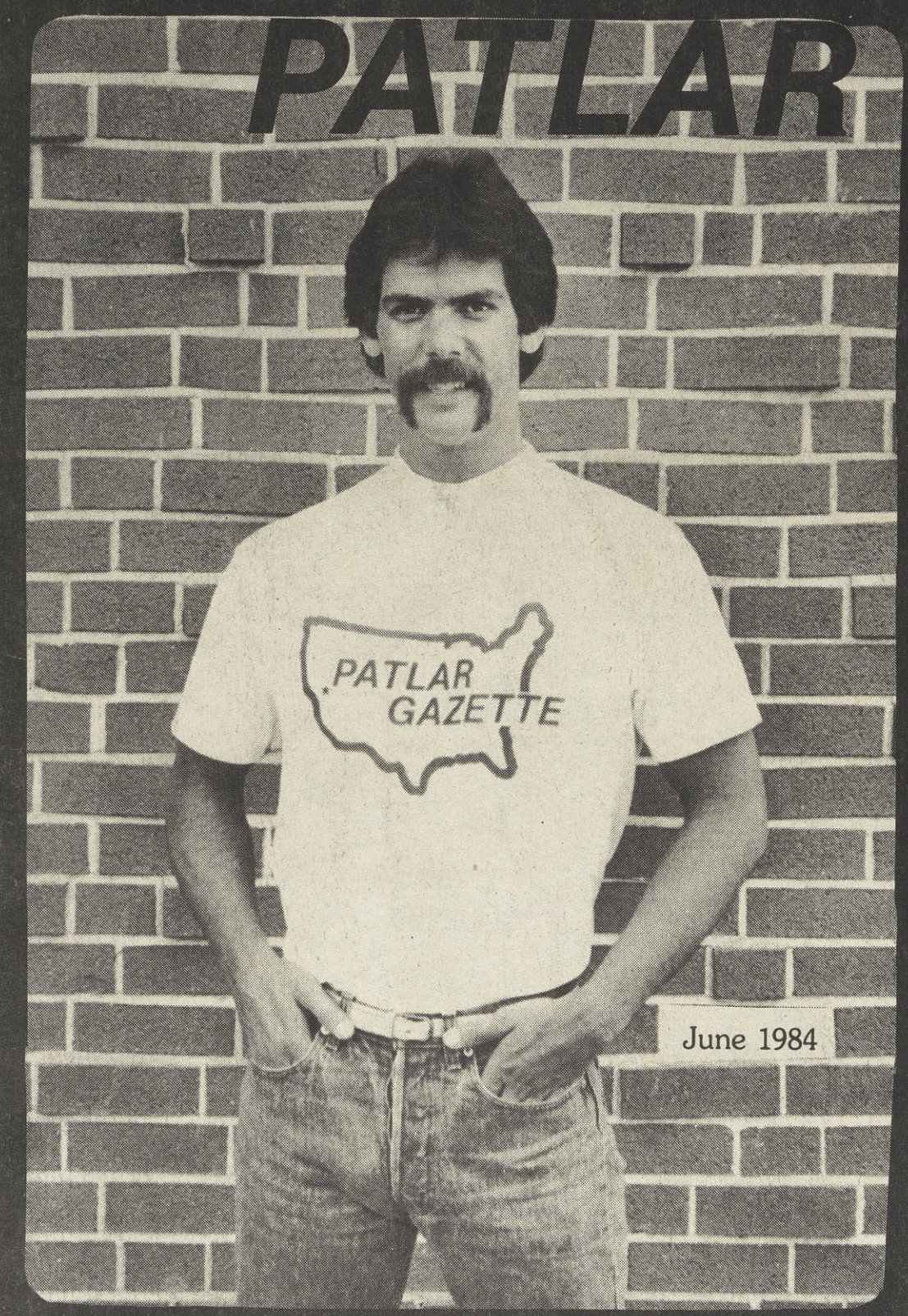

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